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SUBJ: DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES (DBS) WG: GENERAL DEBATE

1. GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUED JUNE 15 WITH US, ROMANIA, POLAND, IRAN, EUROPEAN BROADCASTING UNION, UNESCO SPEAKING.

2. TEXT OF US REP MCINTYRE'S STATEMENT, WHICH EMPHASIZED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION, SENT BY AIRGRAM TO DEPT.

3. ROMANIA SAID THAT EVEN THOUGH ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS ARE PRESENTLY DISADVANTAGEOUS FOR DEVELOPING SATELLITE BROADCASTING DIRECTLY TO INDIVIDUAL RECEIVERS SOME COUNTRIES ARE NONETHELESS WORKING ON THIS TECHNOLOGY. ROMANIA FAVORS ELABORATION OF PRINCIPLES TO ENSURE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF STATES, PROMOTION OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION, FREE ACCESS OF ALL STATES TO BENEFITS OF THE TECHNOLOGY, REGULATION OF PROGRAM CONTENT, AND PROVISION FOR RESPONSIBILITY OF STATES. ROMANIA ALSO SUPPORTED SUGGESTION IN CANADIAN- SWEDISH PAPER TO PREPARE PRINCIPLES RE DBS FOR COMMUNITY RECEIVERS WHICH COULD BE APPLICABLE
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LATER TO DIRECT BROADCASTS TO INDIVIDUAL RECEIVERS. PREPARATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENT EMBODYING THE PRINCIPLES SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE LEGAL SUBCOMITE (LSC).

4. POLAND ALSO PROPOSED THAT LSC SHOULD PREPARE THE INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENT ON DBS AS A PRIORITY ITEM AND REITERATED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE SOVIET DRAFT CONVENTION.

5. IRAN, FAVORING COOPERATION ON REGIONAL LEVEL, ENVISAGED A COMMUNITY SYSTEM. IRAN NOTED THAT COMMUNITY RECEIVERS WERE LESS EXPENSIVE AND WOULD BE OPERATED UNDER CONTROL OF BROADCASTING SYSTEMS OF EACH COUNTRY, THUS AVOIDING CERTAIN LEGAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS. A EUROPEAN BROADCASTING UNION (EBU) SYSTEM WOULD PROVIDE EXTENSIVE DISTRIBUTION OF DOMESTIC TV PROGRAMS AND INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF PROGRAMS WITHIN A REGION OR REGIONS.

6. EBU REP ARGUED THAT FORMULATION OF PRINCIPLES IS PREMATURE IN TERMS OF TECHNOLOGY AND FORMULATION OF THEM WOULD RUN RISK OF VIOLATING PRINCIPLE OF FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION. EBU ENDORSED APPROACH IN CANADIAN- SWEDISH PAPER FOR DEALING WITH SPILLOVER I. E., NOT REQUIRING CONSENT WHEN SPILLOVER IS NOT HARMFUL; AND IF SPILLOVER IS UTILIZED FOR NON- DOMESTIC PROGRAMS, THEN CONSENT WOULD BE REQUIRED. WITH REGARD TO LATTER, EBU AGREES THAT A TREATY WOULD HAVE TO ESTABLISH WHAT IS AUTHORIZED.

7. UNESCO REP ASSERTED THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF DELEGATES CONSIDERED THAT THE ADOPTION OF THE 1972 DECLARATION OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES ON DBS WAS FULLY WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF UNESCO. HE SAID THAT THE ARTICLE IN UNESCO DECLARATION ABOUT PRIOR AGREEMENT OR CONSENT GAVE AN ETHICAL BASIS TO A DECISION TAKEN AT THE ITU WARC ON TECHNICAL GROUNDS. UNESCO VIEWED THE DRAFT CANADIAN- SWEDISH PRINCIPLES AS A FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNESCO DECLARATION. UNESCO WELCOMED THE SWEDISH/ CANADIAN TEXT, WHICH IT CONSIDERED FULLY CONSISTENT WITH UNESCO DECLARATION.

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